

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a receiver capable of playing a local broadcast signal and a national broadcast signal for providing a seamless transition between national broadcast information and local broadcast information ~~for a~~ by the receiver, said method comprising the steps of:

determining if the receiver is set to a national information mode setting or a local information mode setting by the receiver;

upon determining when the national mode setting is detected, gathering location information of the receiver;

downloading an available plurality of preferred local stations to the receiver that correlate to the gathered location information;

choosing a local station from the plurality of preferred local stations;

determining the availability of the chosen local station and, if not available, searching for the chosen local station or for another available local station chosen from the plurality of preferred local stations, to select the local broadcast signal for playing by the receiver;

playing a of the national broadcast signal by the receiver;

monitoring for a time-slot interrupt within the national broadcast signal or a signal interrupt within the local broadcast signal, by the receiver;

detecting the time-slot interrupt or the signal interrupt and by the receiver for interrupting the national broadcast signal; and

if either the time-slot interrupt or the signal interrupt is present, initiating the playing of a the local broadcast signal by the receiver.

14. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein, prior to the downloading step, determining if the receiver is in need of a preferred local station update in view of the gathered location information.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the downloading step is performed randomly by a national broadcaster service provider.

17. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the downloading step is performed at specific predetermined times.

18. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the downloading step is performed when the receiver is activated.

19. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the gathering location information of the receiver is conducted via a GPS signal.

20. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the gathering location information of the receiver is conducted via a manual user input of the receiver's geographic location.

21-23 (Cancelled).